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In re Appln. of: William Gross

Appln. No.: 09/765,270

Examiner: Joseph A. Fischetti

Filed: January 18, 2001

Art Unit: 3627

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
RANKING ITEMS

Attorney Docket No: 9623/656

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Attached are:

- PTO Transmittal (in dup.); Response to Restriction Requirement; and
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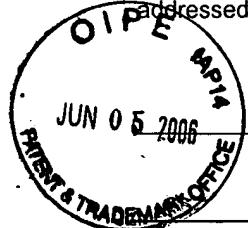
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This paper is timely filed on May 31, 2006 in response to the Office Action dated May 3, 2006 setting forth a 9-way restriction requirement. Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement.